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G. D. O'BRIEN, JR.

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## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

USS CARL VINSON started the year underway in the Indian Ocean heading for Singapore and closed the year at Pier 3, Naval Air Station, Alameda, California.

The first port visit of the year came on 5 January when CARL VINSON dropped anchor in Singapore. Numbers of distinguished visitors and citizens visited the ship during the five-day stay.

The officers and men of USS CARL VINSON had a most challenging and professionally satisfying year during 1987. The ship and embarked air wing enjoyed outstanding readiness while deployed and participated in real-world operations and exercises in the Sea of Japan, South China Sea, Indian Ocean and the Bering Sea. The highlight of the cruise occurred during the transit to Alameda and began with the first winter operations in the Bering Sea by an aircraft carrier since World War II. The ship conducted flight operations every day in a three week operating period in the Northern Pacific and Bering Sea. The January weather included regular snow showers, high winds and seas, air temperatures from 20°F to 36°F and sea water temperatures between 30°F and 34°F. To fight the continuing ice and driving snow, Engineering Department rigged steam hoses and lances to keep the flight deck ready for flight operations, however the most effective means of clearing snow and ice from the flight deck was the jet exhaust from our A-6 aircraft on deck. (b) (3) (A)

Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN, made up of nine squadrons, embarked on board USS CARL VINSON from January to 5 February, 1987. They were Fighter Squadrons (VF) 51 and 111; Light Attack Squadrons (VA) 27 and 97; Medium Attack Squadron (VA) 52; Air Anti-Submarine Squadron (VS) 29; Air Antisubmarine Helicopter Squadron (HS) 4; Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron (VAQ) 134; and Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 114. Also embarked was one C-2 Carrier Onboard Delivery (COD) aircraft from Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 50 and one EA-3 aircraft from Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 1. Aircraft embarked aboard CARL VINSON use tail code NL (Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN).

On 23 March, the ship got underway using tugs, emergency diesel generators and the auxiliary boiler and proceeded to general anchorage 9, south of Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard in San Francisco Bay. On the morning of 24 March, the CARL VINSON entered drydock facilities at Hunter's Point and began its drydock selected restricted availability (DSRA), the Engineering Department saw all 4 screws and the number 2 tailshaft removed and repaired, major repairs were accomplished throughout the propulsion spaces, a new ventilation system was added to the shaft alleys, and an ablative paint system was applied to all the underwater portions of the hull. Engineering Department also overhauled a record 730 valves in the COMNAVAIRPAC valve barge. The ship was refloated on 2 July, undocked on 3 July and returned to Pier 3, Nas Alameda under tugboat power.

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In early July, Admiral Kinnard McKee, Director, Division of Naval Reactors, visited CARL VINSON. (b) (3) (A)

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The highly successful DSRA culminated in sea trials on 26 August. (b) (3) (A)

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A COMNAVAIRPAC Type Command 3-M inspection was completed on 17 September. The ship received a grade of 88.7, the most successful in the ship's history. The Engineering Department achieved an overall grade of 91.9 percent.

A highly impressive Refresher Training REFTRA was conducted from 19-30 October. A noteworthy achievement was the successful setting of material condition "YOKE" throughout the ship on the second day of REFTRA. Final grades for the damage control lockers averaged 93.4 and earned a qualitative grade of "EXCELLENT."

The year came to an end with a December underway operation for carrier qualifications.

Captain George D. O'Brien, Jr., served as Commanding Officer, USS CARL VINSON. Captain Robert C. Williamson, Jr. USN, served as Executive Officer and was relieved on 24 December, 1987 by Captain J. O. Ellis, Jr.

## CARL VINSON CHRONOLOGY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENTS</u>
01JAN87	UNDERWAY, INDIAN OCEAN
02JAN87	WOG DAY
05JAN - 10JAN87	IN PORT SINGAPORE
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13JAN87	CVW-15 BOMBING, SCARBOROUGH SHOALS, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
16JAN87	CVW-15 BOMBING, TORI SHIMA, JAPAN
20JAN - 31JAN87	NORPAC OPS/BERING SEA
24JAN - 28JAN87	KERNAL POTLATCH 87-1
25JAN87	SAFE HAVEN TAC D&E
28JAN - 05FEB87	TRANSITEX 87-9
05FEB87	HOME COMING - MOOR ALAMEDA
06FEB - 08MAR87	POST OVERSEAS MOVEMENT LEAVE PERIOD
16MAR - 18MAR87	TIGER CRUISE
24MAR - 24AUG87	DSRA, HUNTERS POINT, CA
30MAY87	RIBBON CUTTING FOR CARL VINSON OMBUDSMAN ROOM, NAS ALAMEDA, CA
18-19AUG87	FAST CRUISE, PIER 3, NAS ALAMEDA. CA
24AUG87	READY FOR SEA - ALAMEDA
26AUG - 31AUG87	INDEPENDENT STEAMING EXERCISE (ISE-1), CVW-15 CQ
18SEP - 24SEP87	INDEPENDENT STEAMING EXERCISE (ISE-2), CVW-15 CQ
24SEP - 28SEP87	PORT VISIT SAN DIEGO
26SEP87	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - SAN DIEGO
28SEP - 29SEP87	TIGER CRUISE
28SEP87	CVW-15 CHANGE OF COMMAND
02OCT - 10OCT87	FLEET REPLACEMENT SQUADRON (FRS) CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS (CQ)
10OCT87	FLEET WEEK PARADE OF SHIPS, SAN FRANCISCO, CA
16OCT - 04NOV87	CVW-15 CQ, AIR OPS
19OCT - 30OCT87	REFRESHER TRAINING (REFTRA)
24OCT87	ANCHOR CORONADO
10NOV87	DEPENDENTS DAY CRUISE
04DEC87	COMMANDER, CARRIER GROUP THREE, (CCG-3) CHANGE OF COMMAND
07DEC - 17DEC87	FRS CQ
15DEC - 17DEC87	COMBAT SYSTEMS SHIP'S QUALIFICATION TRIALS (CSSQT)
17DEC87	RESCUE OF SIX SURVIVING CREWMEN FROM U.S. REGISTERED FISHING BOAT EXPLORADOR OFF CATALINA ISLAND, CA
24DEC87	CAPTAIN J. O. ELLIS RELIEVED CAPT R. C. WILLIAMSON AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

1987 MAJOR OPERATIONAL EVOLUTIONS (UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENTS)

<u>28 AUG</u>	UNREP WITH USNS KAWISHIWI (TAO-146) (1,000,000 GALS JP-5)
<u>21 SEP</u>	UNREP WITH USS MOUNT HOOD (AE-29) (1,265 LIFTS OF AMMUNITION IN SIX HOURS)
<u>23 SEP</u>	UNREP WITH USNS KAWISHIWI (TAO-146) (750,000 GALS JP-5)
<u>09 OCT</u>	UNREP WITH USS WADDELL (DDG-24) (90,000 GALS JP-5 DELIVERED)
<u>21 OCT</u>	UNREP WITH USNS KAWISHIWI (TAO-146) (500,000 GALS JP-5)
<u>28 OCT</u>	UNREP WITH USNS KAWISHIWI (TAO-146) FTG OBSERVER ONBOARD FOR: (Z-28-S - MODIFIED HOUSEFALL TOKEN LIFT: HEAVY LIFT) (Z-29-S - 650,000 GALS JP-5)
<u>29 OCT</u>	UNREP WITH USS MCCORMICK (DDG-8) (SINGLE PROBE TOKEN HOOK-UP - COMPLEX)
<u>03 NOV</u>	UNREP WITH USNS KAWISHIWI (TAO-146) (700,000 GALS JP-5)
<u>07 DEC</u>	UNREP WITH USS MAUNA KEA (AE-22) (300 LIFTS OF AMMO)
<u>10 DEC</u>	UNREP WITH USNS KAWISHIWI (TAO-146) (500,000 GALS JP-5)
<u>13 DEC</u>	UNREP WITH USS BRADLEY (FF-1041) (SINGLE PROBE TOKEN HOOK-UP - COMPLEX)



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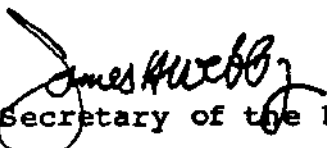
The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the  
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

## BATTLE GROUP CHARLIE NORTHERN PACIFIC GROUP

for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION:

For meritorious service during extreme cold weather operations in the Northern Pacific from 16 January 1987 to 2 February 1987 enroute to and in support of KERNEL POTLATCH 87-1 and special Anti-Air Warfare/Antisubmarine Warfare operations in the Bering Sea and in an Aleutian Island haven. During this period, Battle Group CHARLIE, Northern Pacific Group successfully demonstrated that crucial fleet operations could be continuously conducted in these vital northern latitudes despite environmentally arduous conditions. Battle Group CHARLIE maintained around the clock early warning reconnaissance and fighter cover under harsh environmental conditions and simultaneously supported an amphibious assault with successive power projection strikes ashore and close air support sorties. In the midst of heightened and continued Soviet air reconnaissance, this exercise was as severe a test of true combat readiness as any carrier battle group had ever encountered. Both seamanship and airmanship were tested yet safely conducted amidst blinding snow storms, freezing temperatures, and twenty-foot seas. In addition, Battle Group CHARLIE was charged with the tactical development and evaluation of carrier and escort safe haven operations against air and submarine attack in restricted waters. The success of these Northern Pacific operations demonstrated the tremendous ability, careful preparation, and flawless execution by the staffs, ships, and squadrons involved, and their capability to operate and maintain a strong naval presence in the strategically important Bering Sea and Aleutian Island area. By their continuous display of professionalism, determination, courage, and total devotion to duty, the officers and enlisted personnel of Battle Group CHARLIE, Northern Pacific Group and participating units reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

  
Secretary of the Navy

## 1987 SIGNIFICANT DEPARTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### Reactor Department.

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[REDACTED] CARL VINSON entered drydock at Hunter's Point Shipyard on 24 March to perform various propulsion plant work and selected maintenance items requiring drydocked conditions. On 3 July, CARL VINSON returned to Pier 3, Naval Air Station Alameda to complete the Drydock Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA-1987). Sea trials were conducted satisfactorily in August. Reactor and Engineering Departments began workups for operational readiness with Interim Refresher Training and an assist visit from the COMNAVSURFPAC/COMNAVAIRPAC Nuclear Propulsion Mobile Training Team (NPMTT). The year concluded with several underway periods for carrier qualifications (CQ). The CQ's were also used to improve operator proficiency in propulsion plant evolutions. (b) (3) (A)

[REDACTED] COMNAVAIRPAC, (b) (3) (A) [REDACTED], praised the department for its efficiency and excellent cooperation with shipyard personnel.

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The department was deeply involved in REFTRA during the fall, from ensuring necessary parts were aboard, to providing meals around the many hours of drills, to filling many billets throughout the General Quarters/damage control organization, to being a major player in the ship's successful passing of the "YOKE" closure check the second day of REFTRA. In December, the department underwent its Supply Management Inspection (SMI) and passed with an overall grade of GOOD. Numerous areas and individuals received commendatory comments in the final report issued by the inspection team.

**Deck Department.** (b) (3) (A)

Completing DSRA 1987 in August, Deck had all equipment ready for inspection for the Training and Readiness Evaluation Inspection (TRE), their first inspection before workups. The department received a grade of OUTSTANDING, with no discrepancies. CARL VINSON began REFTRA on 30 October, where Deck Department scored an outstanding 97 percent for all deck evolutions. The competitive exercise average for the year was 99.6, the highest competitive exercise average aboard CARL VINSON.

**Air Department.** Air Department was one of many departments on board with notable accomplishments. These included 26,258 moves on the flight deck with only four reportable crunches, bringing V-1 (Flight Deck) Division's crunch rate to .0001523 for 1987. V-2 Division (Catapults and Arresting Gear) had 6,586 catapult launches and 6,447 arrested landings in 1987, bringing the ship's total arrested landings to 62,749 at the end of 1987. V-3 (Hangar Bays) Division made 1,292 aircraft moves, with one reportable mishap and no personnel injuries in 1987. V-4 Division (Fuels) received over 6,286,525 million gallons of JP-5 aircraft fuel from tankers and pumped over 5,680,242 million gallons into aircraft.

**Communications Department.** The Naval Modular Automated Communications Subsystem V5 (NAVMACS V5) was installed during DSRA 1987. It replaced the Message Processing and Distribution System (MPDS). The NAVMACS V5 system automates message processing and preparation functions. It operates with a mix of circuits to interface broadcast (fleet multi-channel, single-channel or local area), full period termination (online or offline), ship/shore netted circuits, and the Common User Digital Information Exchange System (CUDIXS) via a satellite link. It has the capability of managing one Information Exchange System (IXS) link, a maximum of nine flexible circuits, and a paper tape input simultaneously. Training throughout the year continued on a regular basis, resulting in successful completion of REFTRA with an adjective grade of OUTSTANDING. Communications also completed the Advanced Training Assessment with a grade of OUTSTANDING, and the Command Inspection resulted in their training program being evaluated as overall EXCELLENT. Commendatory correspondence was received from Commander Naval Telecommunications Command (COMNAVTELCOM) and Naval Communications Area Master Station Western Pacific (NAVCOMS WESTPAC GQ) for outstanding maintenance of High Frequency (HF) termination.

# MESSAGE VOLUME FOR 1987

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL SENT</u>	<u>TOTAL RECEIVED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January	5,765	23,738	29,503
February	1,227	9,697	10,924
March	639	6,772	7,411
April	517	4,801	5,318
May	403	4,680	5,083
June	499	5,158	5,657
July	1,032	6,479	7,511
August	1,509	9,942	11,451
September	3,704	16,582	20,286
October	1,705	9,398	11,103
November	1,614	10,839	12,453
December	2,005	8,959	10,964
 TOTAL	 20,619	 117,045	 137,664

**Dental Department.** Dental Department continued to work toward 100 percent dental readiness of the crew. At year's end, the readiness figure was 92 percent. In June, Lieutenants (b) (6) and (b) (6) reported on board, replacing Lieutenants (b) (6) and (b) (6). The following month, July, Commander (b) (6) relieved Commander (b) (6) as Department Head. During REFTRA, all Battle Dressing Stations manned by Dental Department personnel received grades of OUTSTANDING. By the end of 1987 the Dental Department accomplished the following procedures:

Diagnostic	22,181
Preventive	16,608
Restorative	12,435
Endodontics	524
Periodontics	8,952
Prosthodontics, Removable	130
Prosthodontics, Fixed	193
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	3,249
Adjunctive General Services	26,776
Orthodontics	13
<u>Laboratory</u>	<u>2,461</u>
 TOTAL 1987 PROCEDURES	 93,522
 TOTAL PATIENTS SITTINGS	 22,872

**Medical Department.** 1987 was ushered in with the completion of WESTPAC '86. Arriving back in Alameda in February, Medical Department participated in the Drydock Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA), retiling and repainting all medical spaces as well as replacing all terrazzo flooring in the heads and treatment room. CARL VINSON completed SRA in August, and began sea trials and work ups.

The major objective of the department was to provide quality medical care to all ship's company, embarked air wing, flag staff, and ships operating with Battle Group CHARLIE. The department also served as preceptor to independent duty hospital corpsman assigned to ships in the battle group and provided on-site medical evaluation of the ship's medical departments. During 1987 work ups, the Medical Department participated in the following graded evolutions with the following results.

COMNAVAIRPAC 3M Inspection	OUTSTANDING
Refresher Training	EXCELLENT
Internal Radiation Health Audit	ABOVE AVERAGE

The following are average monthly morbidity statistics for 1987.

Outpatient Visits	1,694
Physical Exams	134
X-Rays	430
ElectroCardioGrams (ECG's)	31
Audiograms	224
Laboratory Tests	2,629
Filled Prescriptions	1,090

Additionally, there were 94 inpatient admissions, and 22 surgical procedures performed during the year. On 28 August, Commander (b) (6) MC, USN, relieved Captain (b) (6) MC, USN, as Senior Medical Officer.

**LEGAL.** The basic function of Legal Department during 1987 was to act as an advisor to the Commanding Officer concerning the interpretation and application of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and other military laws and regulations. The goal of Legal Department was to maintain discipline and to assist with prompt, fair administration of justice within the command. Consisting of two divisions, L-1 Legal Office and L-2 the ship's Master-at-Arms Force, Legal Department has 22 fulltime personnel and 28 TAD personnel from ship's company. During deployment, additional TAD personnel from the air wing were added and the department expanded to 60 men. During 1987, L-1 division processed 77 Special Courts-Martial, 74 Summary Courts-Martial, 58 administrative discharges, and several hundred non-judicial punishments. In addition, L-1 Division handled numerous claims, provided legal assistance to the crew, ran the Liberty Risk program, acted as a liaison to civilian law enforcement agencies, and spearheaded the clearance through customs upon return from the ship's WESTPAC deployment. L-2 Division continued to maintain shipboard patrols, ensure security on board the ship, processed as many as 1,300 urinalysis samples per month, conducted investigations, provided crowd control, and totally controlled procurement/distribution of linens to air wing enlisted personnel.

Weapons Department.

1987 Weapons Department Evolutions

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVOLUTION</u>
(b) (3) (A)	(b) (3) (A)
13JAN87	OFFLOAD USS FLINT (66 lifts -- missiles)
30JAN-03FEB87	OFFLOAD USS ROANOKE (1,622 lifts-5 days complete VERTREP)
05FEB87	COMPLETED WESTPAC/IO DEPLOYMENT
(b) (3)	(b) (3) (A)
23MAR87	DSRA BEGINS HUNTERS POINT (DRYDOCK)
21-24APR87	PRE IMPLEMENTATION, AVIATION WARFARE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT PROGRAM (AWSEP)
04JUL87	UNDOCK-TRANSIT TO ALAMEDA
05Jul87	MOORED ALAMEDA (SRA CONTINUES)
06JUL87	CVWR 30 FALLON DET
29JUL87	ONLOAD PIER 3, NAS ALAMEDA (127 lifts)
03AUG87	PRETRE (Training Readiness Evaluation)
12AUG87	ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL EVOLUTIONS ON PIER 3
17AUG87	ONLOAD PIER 3, NAS ALAMEDA (55 lifts)
18-19AUG87	FAST CRUISE
25AUG87	ONLOAD/OFFLOAD PIER 3, NAS ALAMEDA (13 lifts-on/10 lifts-off)
26-28AUG87	SEA TRIALS
04SEP87	CLASS "C" AMMO ONLOAD PIER 3, NAS ALAMEDA (16 lifts)
15SEP87	3M INSPECTION Grade: 94.5 percent
18-24SEP87	TRE (Training Readiness Evaluation) Best CV FTG has seen in last 3 inspections
21SEP87	ONLOAD USS MOUNT HOOD (1,211 lifts) 183 lifts per hour CONCREP & VERTREP
24-27SEP87	IN PORT SAN DIEGO
05OCT-05NOV87	REFTRA (90 percent) Grade: Satisfactory (Adj: Outstanding)
14OCT87	AWSEP IMPLEMENTATION
15OCT87	ONLOAD PIER 3, NAS ALAMEDA (14 lifts)
24OCT87	ANCHOR CORONADO, CA

11NOV87 FLEET EVALUATION OF TACTICAL AIR LAUNCHED DECOY (11-30NOV)  
 16NOV87 TORPEDO READINESS ASSESSMENT TEAM/WEAPONS SAFETY ASSIST TEAM  
 (16-19 NOV)  
 Grade: Satisfactory (Adj: Outstanding)  
 20NOV87 ONLOAD/OFFLOAD PIER 3 ALAMEDA (16 lifts-on/3 lifts-off)  
 30NOV87 CVW-15 FALLON DET (30NOV-18DEC)  
 04DEC87 EVALUATION/REVISION WEAPONS SYSTEM LOADING MANUAL (4-10DEC)  
 07DEC87 ONLOAD USS PYRO (229 lifts)  
 07DEC87 FLEET EVALUATION BIG EYE (7-17DEC)  
 Weapons support provided in assembly, stowage and handling  
 21DEC87 ONLOAD PIER 3 ALAMEDA (30 lifts)

**Safety Department.**

CARL VINSON CY87 MISHAPS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CLASS/TYPE MISHAP/TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>
23JAN87	VA-97	Class B Flight Mishap, A-7E A-7E right main landing gear collapsed during day Case III landing. Fuselage and right wing impacted the landing area.
28JAN87	VF-51	Class C Ground Mishap, F-14A After removing chocks and chains, while awaiting respot with tow tractor and tow bar attached, aircraft brake accumulator was insufficiently charged to provide braking action. Significant rolling movement of the deck caused aircraft to lose control, sliding into the port catwalk/LSO stand, with tractor still attached. Damage only to drop tank and tire.
20SEP87	VF-111	Class A Flight Mishap, F-14A During night arrested landing, number four arresting engine purchase cable parted, due to incorrect manual rereeve. Aircraft lost at sea. Aircrew ejected successfully as aircraft departed the landing area up the angle deck.
23SEP87	VA-52	Class A Flight Mishap, A-6E During night flyoff from CVN-70, pilot became incapacitated due to hypoxia caused by canopy not being sealed. Bombardier/Navigator ejected after efforts to arouse pilot failed. Aircraft and pilot lost at sea near Santa Catalina Island.

**Administrative Department.** The Administrative Department underwent the CINCPACFLT Postal Inspection on 15 April with a grade of SATISFACTORY (adjective grade received during that inspection was OUTSTANDING). The department also received a grade of SATISFACTORY from COMNAVAIRPAC for the Special Services Inspection conducted during June. COMNAVAIRPAC conducted a Ship's Brig Inspection on 13 July 1987 and awarded an overall grade of OUTSTANDING.

**Awards.** CARL VINSON and Battle Group CHARLIE received the Meritorious Unit Commendation while deployed to the Northern Pacific from 16 January 1987 to 2 February 1987 in support of KERNEL POTLATCH 87-1 and special Anti-Air Warfare/Antisubmarine Warfare operations in the Bering Sea and in an Aleutian Island haven.

### 1987 RETENTION STATISTICS

USS CARL VINSON had an aggressive, well-trained and well-organized Retention Team. Ensuring training levels within the command remain at the highest level, a monthly Career Information & Counseling Program for all Department and Divisional Career Counselors was held onboard. The command had 18 Department Career Counselors and 112 Division Career Counselors. This provides one counselor for every 26 men.

	<u>Eligible</u>	<u>Ineligible</u>	<u>Reenlisted</u>	<u>Gross %</u>	<u>NEY %</u>
First Term	431	66	144	29%	33%
Second Term	71	02	36	49%	51%
Career	<u>97</u>	<u>00</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>75%</u>	<u>75%</u>
Total	599	68	253	38%	42%

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1987 DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AND MEDIA VISITS AT SEA

9-12 JAN Mr. Robbie Shaw, a free-lance photographer working for Jane's Fighting Ships onboard to prepare photo article.

10 JAN Singaporean officials, including Dr. Yeo Ning Hong, Second Minister of Defense; Mr. Peter Higgins, Charge d'Affaires, Singapore; Mr. Winston Choo, Chief of General Staff; COL James Leo, Commander, Republic of Singapore Navy; and COL Michael Teo, Commander, Republic of Singapore Air Force from Singapore for daylight visit.

5 FEB Deputy Mayor James Lazarus, San Francisco; RADM R. Toney, COMNAVBASE San Francisco; LT (b) (6) RADM Toney's aide; RADM Jim Grealish, USN, (RET); Mr. Gene Gartland, Director, Port of San Francisco; Mr. Emmet Condon, Fire Chief, San Francisco; Mr. Walter Gloistein, Principal, Westmoor High School, Daly City, CA; Mr. John Giblin, President Oakland Navy League; Six media representatives; one member of the enlisted wives' club and five members of San Francisco's USS Carl Vinson Committee for daylight visit during homecoming.

18-20 SEP Mr. Kevin O'Brien, law firm of Thelen, Marrin, Johnson and Bridges; Mr. James Hendrick, law firm of Thelen, Marrin, Johnson and Bridges; and Mr. Robert Blum, law firm of Thelen, Marrin, Johnson and Bridges onboard for DV visit.

19-20 SEP Mr. John Doughty, Jr., technical illustrator; Mr. Fred Applegate, president of Nicholas Applegate Technical Management; Mr. Arthur Nicholas, COB Nicholas Applegate Technical Management; Mr. John Miotttel, Jr., president, COB of Miotttel Investment; Mr. Cy Oberg, vice president of Chemtronics; and Mr. James Legler, vice president of Chemtronics onboard for DV visit.

20-21 SEP Mr. Richard Stan Jones, Rockwell International; Lt. Campbell, NAVINFO West; Mr. Gary Schoms, Deputy Attorney General for San Diego County; Mr. Richard Chambers, Burbank Police Department and Mr. Fred Lachman, Easterday Supply Co onboard for DV visit.

20-22 SEP Mr. Charles Sailor, CEO of Western Bell; Mr. Michael Dow, president of Western Bell; Mr. Robert Sailor, vice president of Western Bell and Mr. Stanley Smith, architectural firm of Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall onboard for DV visit.

21-22 SEP Mr. George Newman, Grumman Aircraft; Mr. Robert Fischer, Grumman Aircraft; Mr. Richard Riccardone, Grumman Aircraft; Mr. Theophilos Tartas; Grumman Aircraft; Capt. James McClure, USNR, CNAP PAO onboard to produce Grumman Aviation film

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22-24 SEP Mr. Robert Podesta, owner of Bellevue Place Associates; Mr. Peter Gilcrest, Lockheed; Mr. Michael Murrey, Lockheed; Mr. Vernon Simmons, former State Department, Middle East; Mr. Donald Sherman, Cobra MFG Co.; and Mr. Donald Swanson, D.S. Racing Ent onboard for DV visit.

2-4 OCT Mr. Edward Phipps, Chief, S.F. Fire Department; Mr. Frank Jordan, Chief, S.F. Police Department; Master Thomas Jordan; Mr. Roy Robson, McDonnell Douglas; Mr. Bill Laingen, McDonnell Douglas; Mr. Steve Cooper, McDonnell Douglas; Mr. Michael Clemensen, McDonnell Douglas; Mr. Steven Morloch, McDonnell Douglas; and Mr. David Muzilla, McDonnell Douglas onboard for DV visit.

4-5 OCT Mr. Ned Dermody, news director KMA radio, Minot, North Dakota; Mr. Charles Morris, program director KMA radio; Mr. Peter Schabarum, COB of supervisor county of Los Angeles; Mr. Bill Crowe, deputy board of supervisors county of Los Angeles; Mr. Bob Schmit, executive director Armed Forces YMCA; and the Honorable John Singleton, Chief U.S. District Judge Southern District of Texas onboard for DV visit.

4-6 OCT Prof. Frederick Hartmann, Naval War College, Newport R.I., onboard for DV visit.

5-6 OCT Mr. Richard Schaden, law firm of Schaden, Heldon and Lampert; 30 Air Force test pilots; Mr. Antonio Marques, Global Television; Mr. Luis Fernando Pinto, Global Television; Mr. Paula O, Global Television; Mr. Joe Craber, president of Galaxy Inc; Mr. Michael Frey, Lorimar Productions onboard for DV visit.

6-7 OCT Mr. Norman Devilbiss, Utility Public Affairs, Southern California Edison Co.; Mr. Allen Boerner, President Cambio Investment; Mr. David Criswell, executive director Consortium on Space Automation and Robotics onboard for DV visit.

6-8 OCT Mr. Bob Lawson, Hook Magazine onboard for production of article.

7-8 OCT Mr. William Moore, COB/COE Recognition Equipment Inc; Mr. Dennis Schmucker, American Home Mortgage Co.; Mr. Ken Stimeling, Aerospace Historical Center onboard for DV visit.

7-10 OCT Mr. James O'Gorman, NBC News, New York; Mr. William Shannahan, senior partner, law firm; Mr. James Griffin, Navy League; and Master Robert Mondavi onboard for DV visit.

8-10 OCT Mr. Michael Mondavi, owner, Mondavi Vineyards onboard for DV visit.

31-1 NOV Ms. Barbara Starr, Defense News onboard for production of article; Mr. B.D. Holt, COB B.D. Holt Co.; Mr. Lester Colbert, Jr., Xidex Corp.; Mr. Edward McCann, Eberstadt Flemming Inc.; Mr. Thomas Kiernan, O'Brien, Kiernan Investment Co.; Mr. William Elliott, III, president of Elliott Real Estate; Mr. Fred Turner, Chairman of McDonald's Corp.; and Dr. Robert Marks, Dental Surgeon onboard for DV visit.

1-2 NOV Mr. Paul Zero, Globo TV (Brazil); Mr. Luis Fernando Silva Pinta, Globo TV; Mr. Antonio Marques, Globo TV; Ms. Karen Kasmauski, National Geographic; Mr. Bill Douthitt, National Geographic; Mr. Bruce Scollin, Fred James & Co. Insurance Brokerage onboard for DV visit.

2-3 NOV Ms. Eloise Ogden, Minot Daily News; Mr. Clarke Brown, KSON radio; Mr. Howard Dudley, Owner of Technical Chemical Co.; Mr. David Willden, Auto Rental & Taxi; Mr. Harry Pravorne, Specialized Insurance Agencies; and Mr. James Burton, owner of Burton Investments onboard for DV visit.

7-8 DEC Dr. Patrick Carter, Mr. Robert Wilhelm, Mr. Joe Haggarty; Mr. Chris Ziebold, Mr. Thomas Kublic, Mr. Kevin Flynn, Mr. Curt Dalgaard; McDonald Air film crew onboard to cover F/A-18.

9-10 DEC Mr. Steve Coontz; Media onboard for preproduction of "Flight of the Intruder."

9 DEC Mr. Rase Phomsett; Media onboard for phot feature production. Mr. Richard Fromme, Mr. Joseph Lanza, Mr. Frank Harmon, Mr. Ralph Sirek onboard for DV visit.

10 DEC Dr. Allen Olinger onboard for DV visit.

11 DEC Two KTLA Reporters, Media onboard for video story; Mr. James Kelly onboard for DV visit.

13 DEC Mr. Phil Lusensberry, Mr. Norman Campbell onbaord for DV visit.

13-15 DEC Mr. John King, Mr. Jay King, Mr. Gene Gartland onbaord for DV visit.

14-15 DEC Mr. John Kepics, Mr. Peter Priclard, Mr. Edward Potter, Ms. Patricia Murry onboard for DV visit.

15-16 DEC Mr. Scott Timmons; Mr. Gary Feinstein; Mr. Roy Enders, Media; Mr. Mervin Morris; Mr. John Moore; Mr. Robert Adair; Mr. Doug Short; and Master Craig Short onboard for DV visit.

## 1987 DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AND MEDIA VISITS IN PORT

24 FEB 30 students and five adults from the combined 5th/6th grade class from the Cherry Chase Elementary School on board for tour.

26 FEB Thirty members of NJROTC unit from Shelton, Wash., on board for tour.

6 MAR Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead, on board to give a daylight concert in Hangar Bay Two.

07 MAR 2,000 members of the San Francisco Council of Girl Scouts of America visited the ship for a ceremony and photo opportunity commemorating their 75th anniversary.

08 MAR Mr. Joel Neuberg and his family from Sebastopol, Calif., on board for tour.

15 MAR Mrs. Mary L. Capell and eight Second Grade Cub Scouts from St. Patrick's School, Corte Madera, Calif., onbaord for tour.

22 MAR 22 Delayed Entry Program personnel from Naval Recruiting Station, Modesto, Calif., for tour.

06 SEP 100 members of the University of California at Berkeley Engineering Alumni Society, Berkeley, Calif., on board for tour.

10 SEP 35 U.S. Air Force officers on board for tour.

11 SEP Dr. Carleen Roberts, PhD, and nine others from the University of California at Berkeley for a tour.

11 SEP 60 boys from the Hanna Boys Center in Sonoma County, Calif., on board for lunch and a tour of the ship.

12 SEP 20 members of the American Academy of Family Physicians and their spouses on board for a tour.

13 SEP 80 members of the San Antonio Youth Project, Oakland, Calif., on board for a tour

17 SEP 18 NATO Youth Exchange students on board for a tour.

18 SEP Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Mr. James Hendrick and Mr. Robert Blum onboard for tour.

21 SEP 500 military and civilian representatives of federal agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area on board to attend a kick-off ceremony and luncheon for the Combined Federal Campaign.

08 NOV 80 deputies from the Sacramento, Calif. County Sheriff's Department on board for tour.

14 NOV 70 members of the Santa Clara Council of the U.S. Navy League on board for tour.

15 NOV 30 Members of Boy Scout Troop 151, Antioch, Calif., on board for tour.

15 NOV 45 people, consisting of six families, from the San Francisco Bay Area on board for tour.

19 NOV 18 police officers from greater San Francisco Bay Area on board to tour the ship.

19 NOV Dr. David Davis and a party of six from Hayward, Calif., on board for tour.

20 NOV Tour for 17 children from the Garner Preschool.

21 NOV 45 members of Boy Scout Troop 68, Rohnert Park, Calif., on board for tour.

21 NOV Tour for CDR (b) (6) and an Air Force flight surgeon. Escorted by LT (u) (u) Medical Dept.

24 NOV 50 seniors from Lincoln High School on board to tour the ship.

**CAPTAIN George D. O'Brien, Jr., U. S. Navy  
Commanding Officer, USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70)**

Captain George D. O'Brien, Jr., was born in (b) (6). He was raised and attended schools in (b) (6) and in (b) (6) including (b) (6).

He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1960 and was designated a naval aviator in November 1961.

In 1962, he reported to Patrol Squadron Sixteen, where he completed deployments to Iceland, Bermuda and South Africa. During this tour he qualified as a patrol plane commander in both the P2 and the P3 aircraft.

From January 1966 to June 1970 he attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where in June 1970 he was awarded a PhD in Aeronautical Engineering. He is a member of Sigma Xi.

Following completion of Jet Transition Training in October 1970 and subsequent training in the A-6 Intruder, he reported to VA-34 in Oceana, Virginia. In VA-34 he made two Mediterranean deployments in USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67), serving as operations officer and subsequently as aircraft maintenance officer.

After a tour in VX-5 as director of A-6 aircraft test projects and a brief tour as readiness officer on the staff of Commander Medium Attack Wing One, he joined VA-35 as executive officer in January 1976. In March 1977 he assumed command of VA-35. During this tour the squadron deployed in USS Nimitz (CVN-68) for its first two Mediterranean deployments and won both the AIRLANT Battle Efficiency and the Aviation Safety Awards.

Following this tour, Captain O'Brien served briefly as director of engineering for the A-6 aircraft program with the Naval Air Systems Command. He completed nuclear power training in Orlando, Florida, and Idaho Falls, Idaho, before reporting to USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69) in September 1980 as executive officer. In the Ike, he completed deployments to the Indian Ocean and to the Mediterranean.

In January 1983, he assumed command of USS Wabash (AOR-5) in Alameda, California. In Wabash, he deployed to the Western Pacific and the Indian Ocean with the USS Kitty Hawk Battle Group.

From July 1984 to July 1985, he was a fellow of the Chief of Naval Operations' Strategic Studies Group in Newport, Rhode Island. In August 1985, he reported to the staff of Commander-in-Chief Atlantic and Commander-in-Chief Atlantic Fleet as assistant chief of staff for current operations.

He assumed command of USS Carl Vinson (CVN-70) on March 20, 1986, while Carl Vinson was in port San Diego.

Captain O'Brien has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He has logged over 5,000 flight hours in various types of aircraft and has made over 700 carrier landings.

Captain O'Brien is married to the former (b) (6) of (b) (6). They have four children, (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (6), who's a student at the Naval Academy Preparatory School, and (b) (6). They currently reside in (b) (6).

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